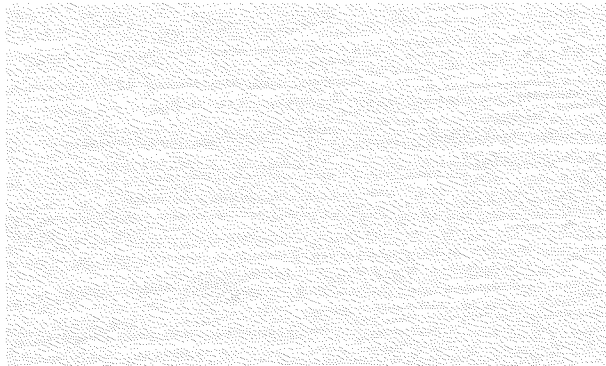


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Yesterday, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy held a press conference in Durango, CO related to the release of waste water from the Gold King mine. In addition, she met meet with community members and state, local, and tribal officials; and today will inspect response efforts in Farmington, NM.

We've been getting a lot of questions from the public

EPA is working diligently to address the Gold King Mine release and help affected communities. We are committed to understanding what happened in this event, learning from it. And apply any lessons we need to apply. EPA has worked successfully to address abandoned mine impacts throughout the Rocky Mountain West.